



**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), I am writing in support of the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application submitted by the Bourbon County Fiscal Court for the project to reconstruct US 460 from the Paris Bypass in Bourbon County to I-75 in Scott County. This project will improve connectivity between Paris and Georgetown and encourage growth within the region. However, due to budgetary constraints, funding for the construction phase is not scheduled in the current KYTC Biennial Highway Plan. Receipt of the requested BUILD grant would provide the construction funding to let the project to construction by September 30, 2020.

This reconstruction project will address current lane, shoulder, and drainage deficiencies, improving safety for freight and passenger travel throughout this corridor. Because this area is heavily utilized by commercial traffic, improvements made along this section of US 460 will support local business and encourage further regional growth. Similarly, this project will also serve the industrial park in Paris, which is currently planning an upcoming expansion.

KYTC has worked with local stakeholders to advance this project and will continue to do so if this project is awarded a BUILD grant. In addition to the state funding that will be provided to the project, both Bourbon County and Scott County have committed \$1 million each to assist with the completion of this crucial project. KYTC is also willing to dedicate experienced project management, engineering, and support staff to directly administer the project through its completion.

Thank you for your consideration of Bourbon County's BUILD application for this critical project to improve safety and connectivity in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Thomas".

Greg Thomas, Secretary
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

